GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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POLLUTION IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the three Thermal Power Stations in Delhi are discharging nearly300 tonnes ash and suspended particles in the atmosphere of the capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether 30 percent people including children of the capital are suffering from respiratory and heart diseases due to inhalation of polluted air; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government to remedy the situation ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(Shri T.R.BAALU)

(a) & (b) It has been estimated that all the three thermal power plants in Delhi emit 23.7 tonnes/day of the particulate matter (Fly ash). This estimate is based on installation of high efficiency Electro-static precipitator (ESP) to meet the limit of 150 mg/nm3.

(c) No conclusive data is available relating to respiratory and heart diseases due to inhalation of polluted air only.

(d) Delhi Pollution Control Committee has asked all the three power plants to further bring down the emission of the particulate matter to 50 mg/nm3, for which the three power plants have taken initiatives to improve the efficiency to meet stringent limits.

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